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Defining Services Work Group Meeting #3
October 5, 2010 9:00-12:00
Office of Community Provider Network of RI

Attendees:

Agencies/Organizations:			Present
Ray	Aresenault	Spurwink RI	X
Sue	Babin	RIDD Council	
Wil	Beaudoin	RIDD Council	
Mitch	Carr	ProAbility	
Jean	DeSimone	Cove	X
Paige	DiBiasio	JRI	
Chris	Gadbois	Homestead Group	
June	Groden	Cove Center	
John	Haughey	Training Thru Placement	
Kathy	Hunt	Arc of Blackstone Valley	X
Lisa	Izzo	Spurwink RI	X
Patti	Macreading	Trudeau Center	
Joanne	Malise	RI Mentor	X
Donna	Martin	CPNRI	X
Ed	McDermott	Adeline LaPlante	X
Mary	McMahon	Fogerty	X
Raymond	Memery	RHD	
Judy	Niedbala	Perspectives	X
Kathy	Raubens	Olean Center	X
Melissa	Reilly	ProAbility	
Cheryl-Ann	Ring	Olean Center	
David	Ruppell	Perspectives	
Patti	Shurtleff	Project Friends/Coventry	
Mike	Smith	Cove Center	
Jane	Sroka	Parent	X
John	Susa	Sherlock Center	
Mary Sue	Tavanes	Fogerty Center	X
Linda	Ward	Opportunities Unlimited	X
Larry	Wiedenhufer	LIFE Inc.	
Bob	Winters	UCPRI	

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State Staff:			Present
Craig	Stenning	BHDDH	X
John	Young	BHDDH	X
David	McMahon	BHDDH	X
Maureen	Wu	BHDDH	X
Daniel	Kretchman	Eleanor Slater Hospital	

Consultants:			
John	Agosta	HSRI	X
Gretchen	Engquist	Burns & Associates	X
Jon	Fortune	HSRI	X
Peter	Burns	Burns & Associates	
Mark	Podrazik	Burns & Associates	X

Topics Covered:

1. BHDDH Project Sustainability Overview   John Young
2. Presentation by Work Group of Employment Services
   and Meaningful Day Activities   Donna Martin, Facilitator
3. In Depth Discussion of Employment Services   John Young, Facilitator

Summary of Discussions:

1. Related to BHDDH Project Sustainability Overview
   a. John Y. walked through the Project Sustainability Overview document handed out to meeting participants.
   b. Craig S. outlined proposed approaches to the SIS level assignments—either numerous levels or less levels with have add-ons for items such as high medical or high behavioral needs.
   c. Craig S. also articulated the need to build a system that can be defended, can be explained, and that will be sustainable
   d. John Y. explained that there will be different services in the system all having different rates, but every provider will get paid the same rate for a particular service.
   e. John Y. suggested that the 15-minute increment option is no longer on the table.
   f. Providers discussed the concept of more units of service versus less units but more qualitative units of services provided. There was a proposal to have different rates for different people. This was refuted by the BHDDH leadership.
   g. Providers concerned about program services that are built into the service array package that may not be separately billable. Examples were given such as all-inclusive standard of nursing care provided that is not acute nursing and also indirect PT/OT provided as a service by some agencies.
   h. Concern was expressed that the SIS tends to underreport medical and behavioral needs and that this should be addressed by the Assessments Work Group.

2. Related to the presentation by the Sub Work Group related to Employment and Day program definitions
    a. Broad-based definitions were offered in which a number of tasks/services were listed within the broad-based definition
    b. BHDDH asked for the group to consider more discrete definitions for each service
3. Related to the In Depth Discussion of Employment Services
    a. Craig S. specified his vision about expanding employment services and that there cannot be just one employment service.
    b. John Y. suggested that the service definitions should include, among other things, outcomes and differences in how each service is delivered.
    c. Time was focused on how to define a Job Developer/Job Discovery service (Individual) as well as a Job Coaching/Follow Along service (Individual).

Action Items:

1. Initial discussion of Job Developer and Job Coaching service definitions to be shared with the Rates Work Group in their meeting on Oct. 6 (attachment shows what was presented at this meeting)
2. Defining Services Subgroup to continue refining services related to Employment and Meaningful Day Activities
3. Flow out how to operationalize the ISP to the funding level